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1. Christo Raykov factory of Gabrovo had 2,000 workers and 600 looms; after the fire in 1947, the number of workers was reduced to 1,400 and the looms in operation from 600 to 200. The factory is to produce 150,000 meters of woolen yarn during the year. 50X1-HUM

2. Fortuna factory of Sofia has 10,000 spindles. Only 5,000 are being used, and 150 cotton looms. The factory had a fire last year, but has been allocated 150 tons of cotton, and it is hoped that during the course of the next eight months they will produce 250,000 meters of cotton cloth.

3. Berov and Chorinek factory for woolen fabrics at Sofia has 400 looms and the best equipment of all in Bulgaria. It is working to 50 percent of capacity, and the production will be around 100,000 meters this year. This is a modern factory [ ] it has its own 50X1-HUM dye-works and yarn spinning department.

4. 1st of May factory at Varma has 25,000 spindles and received 500 tons of cotton. A good part of its production of yarn will be distributed among the small weavers for individual manufacture, and apart from this, it will produce around 500,000 meters of cloth.

5. Karaiwanov factory at Sliven has 1,200 looms and a cotton spinning mill. It will produce 200,000 meters of military cloth for the army. Its subsidiary in Gabrovo has 200 looms and will produce 100,000 meters of second quality cloth.

6. Prinz Kiril factory has 15,000 spindles and 300 looms. It received 500 tons of cotton, about 30 percent for manufacture and re-export to Russia, a certain proportion for distribution to other weavers, and the rest for the manufacture of cloth - about 200,000 meters. It is located in Varna.

7. Make factory in Sofia makes women's stockings and men's socks. Its normal production is 12,000,000 pairs per year. This year it will be only about 480.00 pairs.

8. Kabo factory in Sofia also produces stockings and socks. Production capacity is about 24,000,000 pairs. This year production will be only

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half that figure.

9. Kotcherinovo paper factory near Dupnitsa is the largest paper factory in the country and has its raw material in the form of forests close at hand. This factory is working to capacity and producing five tons of paper a day. The paper industry is the only one which is working normally.
10. Knyazhevo factory eight kilometers southwest of Sofia, produces two and one half tons of paper per day and has a capacity of four tons.
11. Iskar factory is the most modern paper factory in the country. It makes three tons a day, including high grade papers such as letter paper. It is situated eight kilometers northeast of Sofia.
12. Sveta Troytza factory at Gabrovo is a woolen spinning plant. The Budvste factory, Gabrovo, which is under the same management, weaves the material, and with its 300 looms, is expected to produce 200,000 meters of woolen cloth this year.
13. Bulgaria factory at Sofia is a cotton spinning plant. It has 10,600 spindles.
14. Gloria factory at Sofia is a cotton spinning plant with 15,000 spindles. It has received 350 tons of cotton.
15. Tigar factory at Sofia has 10,000 spindles and has received 250 tons of cotton.
16. Racheev factory at Gabrovo makes woolen cloth. It has 400 looms and will produce 150,000 meters this year.
17. Ivan Berov factory at Gabrovo has 200 looms, of which only 90 are working. It will produce 50,000 meters of cotton cloth.
18. Merino factory at Gabrovo has 500 modern looms. It will produce 130,000 meters of cloth.
19. Stefanov factory at Sliven has 280 looms and will produce 100,000 meter of coarse woolen cloth.
20. Semerdjiev factory eight kilometers northeast of Sofia, near Iskar Station, has 300 looms and will produce 200,000 meters of cotton cloth.
21. Filtiss factory at Sofia, with a larger branch at Gabrovo, has a total of 600 looms and will produce 200,000 meters of cotton cloth.
22. Rila factory at Sofia has 250 looms. It specializes in Women's fabrics.
23. Platno factory at Sofia has 200 looms.
24. Viktoria factory at Sofia has 300 looms, of which 120 are working. Its production is unknown.
25. Zakaryan factory at Sofia has 350 looms. It weaves military cloths, canvas for tents, waterproof fabrics, canvas pipes and hoses. It is handicapped by lack of raw materials and production is unknown.
26. Rozanes factory at Sofia has 200 looms and produces military cloth. It is producing 30 percent of its 1940 production.
27. Almas factory at Sofia has 300 looms. It produces coarse industrial cloth and jute sacks.
28. Trapezitsa factory at Trnovo makes cotton reels. It is producing two million this year. It is producing only 30 percent of its normal production.

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